

CHILDREN'S PRODUCT SAFETY ENHANCEMENT AND CLARIFICATION ACT

Protect our Children's Safety from Hazardous Products by Targeting Those Posing True Risk Through Clarifications to the Consumer Products Safety Improvement Act

Congress must take an aggressive stance to require the highest product safety laws, particularly in relation to the safety and wellbeing of children. It is important that consumer product mandates are carried out in a manner targeting those goods and products which may pose risks to children.

The Consumer Products Safety Improvement Act (Public Law 110-134), was signed into law on August 14, 2008. This important legislation was aimed at the protection and wellbeing of children by ensuring that goods purchased for children's use are safe and free of hazardous contaminants. However, it appears the legislation also created many unintended consequences, not part of its original intent.

Therefore, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) should be urged to work cooperatively with charities, and family-owned and other small businesses, who work in good faith to comply with the regulations.

Thrift stores, and those who provide used goods to those in need, should also be given special consideration to guard against unintended consequences and avoid confusion in the marketplace.



Finally the Consumer Products Safety Improvement Act should be carried out in a manner targeting those goods and products which may truly pose risks to children, and exclude products made solely of fabric from the lead testing requirements of CPSIA.

For this reason, I introduced the ***Children's Product Safety Enhancement and Clarification Act***. The bill would clarify the original intent of the CPSIA by:

- * Directing the CPSC to work cooperatively with family-owned and other small business to make sure they are not unduly impacted, while ensuring safety.
- * Giving special consideration to thrift and consignment stores who sell "used" goods, while operating in good-faith, as well as those donating used goods to charity.
- * Designating that clothing and other cloth items made solely from fabric materials are not subject to liability under the lead limit standards under the CPSIA.

Help protect our children's safety by making sure only safe products are sold to our children, and not unduly impact those that produce and supply safe and compliant clothing and other products for America's youth.